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SOURCE

1. The Werneuchen (N 53/V 06) airfield was observed from all sides between 1:30 and 4 p.m. on 27 February 1951. It snowed occasionally. No aircraft were seen on the field. (1) All of the hangars were closed. Two groups, each of about 60 to 80 men, were seen marching in the billeting area at the field. There was no motor vehicle traffic at the entrance to the field within a 35-minute observation period. Tank truck [REDACTED] with a capacity of about 5,000 liters was under repair in a Werneuchen repair shop.
2. About 170 laborers were digging on the landing field, from the northwestern corner as far southeast as 300 meters from the Mirschfelde (N 53/V 06) - Weggendorf (N 53/V 06) road. Source believed a hard surface runway was probably under construction. A strip of the sodded landing field, about 1,600 x 50 meters, was being torn up.
3. Ties, rails, 40 dumpcars, a power shovel, and three concrete mixers were stored in the northwestern corner of the field, about 200 meters from the railroad overpass across the Werneuchen - Tiefensee (N 53/V 17) road. There was also an embankment, 3 meters high and about 100 meters long, for the loading and unloading of dumpcars. There was also a temporary power line from the construction site to the main power line. A fuel or water container with a capacity of approximately 20,000 liters was seen near the embankment. Signs read: "Brandenburg Road Construction Company, Bauunion-East, Nationalized Enterprise." There was a major construction site there. Source believed that the construction under way would take about 5 to 8 months to complete. (2)
4. There was another construction site on the eastern edge of the landing field, where a power shovel and about 25 dumpcars were used. About 50 laborers were employed there. An embankment, about 3 to 4 meters high and 50 meters wide, was raised from

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east to west. A new runway was probably under construction there. This construction site was also lighted. A fuel or water container with a capacity of about 80,000 liters was stored on the eastern edge of the landing field where the Hirschfelde-Werneuchen road meets the edge of the field.

5. The radio installation with one mast, previously seen east of the field on the Hirschfelde-Werneuchen road, was removed.
6. Strips of tinfoil were stored in small piles, 1 meter high and 2 to 3 meters long, on Rudolfshoehe, about 550 meters southeast of the edge of the landing field. Some of the strips showed marks of burning. Attempts were probably made to burn the piles. (3)
7. A bunker without windows, but with a gray ventilating shaft on its western edge, was in the southeastern section of the landing field. It was probably used as an air raid shelter during the war. (4)

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- Commonly:
- (1) The two bomber regiments previously stationed in Werneuchen, were transferred to Jueterbog-Altes Lager. No air unit or ground unit is now stationed at Werneuchen airfield.
 - (2) The beginning of construction was previously reported by other sources. The belief that a hard-surface runway is likely to be built agrees with a previous report. [REDACTED] 25X1A
It has not been determined whether the runway is to be extended beyond the southeastern edge of the present landing field. If so, the railroad spur track would have to be crossed. No information has been received on the prospective target date for the completion of the runway.
 - (3) The tinfoil is probably of German origin, since it is not believed that the Soviets allow large quantities of their tinfoil (window) to remain unguarded outside the landing field. For original tinfoil, see Annex.
 - (4) The bunker was reported previously. [REDACTED] 25X1A

1 Annex: Envelope with tinfoil (To Air and OSI only)

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